

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 17, 2001 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 17, 2001 from 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 17, 2001 to conduct a hearing on "Reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following employees of the Joint Committee on Taxation be allowed on the Senate

floor for the duration of the debate on the tax RELIEF bill: Robert Bailey, Thomas A. Barthold, Ray Beeman, John Bloyer, Roger Colinvaux, H. Benjamin Hartley, Harold E. Hirsch, Deirdre James, Lauralee A. Matthews, Patricia McDermott, Brian Meighan, John Navratil, Joseph W. Nega, Samuel Olchyk, Lindy L. Paul, Oren S. Penn, Cecily W. Rock, Mary M. Schmitt, Todd C. Simmens, Carolyn E. Smith, and Barry L. Wold.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns of the Senate Finance Committee be allowed on the Senate floor for the duration of the debate on the tax RELIEF bill: Michael Whitmore, Zachary W. Paulson, and Paul Raak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the First Session of the 107th Congress, to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, May 27–31, 2001: The Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN).

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. GRASSLEY. In executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 47, 49, and 78. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William J. Haynes II, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

#### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

John E. Robson, of California, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2005, vice James A. Harmon, resigned.